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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment

The reply filed on 16 October 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant has filed a response to the restriction requirement mailed 08 October 2002. Applicant's response, however, is not fully responsive to the restriction requirement. Applicant has apparently misconstrued the requirement as a request for an election of species. Elected Group I is comprised of multiple inventions which are the products or methods drawn to different and distinct sequences which do not render obvious each other and thus are patentably distinct. If any of the groups are elected, applicants must elect a single invention which is the product or method drawn to one specific sequence to which the claims will be restricted. Note, this restriction to examination of a single sequence is due to the now very high and undue burden for examining more than one sequence which is caused by the continued exponential increase of size of the sequence databases to be searched for each sequence, resulting in a corresponding increase in computer search time and examiner time for reviewing the computer search results. Therefore, the limited resources of the Office no longer permit examination of more than one sequence in an application. Applicant must elect a single sequence (SEQ ID NO) for examination pursuant to the present restriction requirement.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Konstantina Katcheves whose telephone number is (703) 305-1999. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 7:30 to 4:30.

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